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**Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Alumnus
Earns Silver Medal at International Physics Olympiad**

Silver Spring, MD—Anand Oza of North Potomac, a 2010 graduate of the Montgomery Blair High School (MBHS) Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science Magnet Program, was awarded a silver medal at the 41st International Physics Olympiad (IPhO). This competition among over 400 pre-university physics students from 82 nations took place in Zagreb, Croatia on July 17-25, and consisted of both theoretical and experimental exams.

Oza was one of five students who represented the 2010 U.S. Physics Team as a member of the traveling team. Team USA brought home one gold, two silver, and two bronze medals, tying Korea for 11th place by medal count. China, Taiwan, and Thailand tied for first place.

In addition to the ten-day training camp for all twenty members of the U.S. Physics Team, Oza and the other four members of the traveling team were assigned problems to solve independently before attending more lab training at the University of Maryland at College Park in early July.

Oza commented on his participation in the international competition, “It was a very humbling and enriching experience to participate in IPhO and to represent the United States. I enjoyed the visits to Budapest, Hungary, and Zagreb, Croatia, along with their rich history and culture, where I made many new friends. I appreciate the encouragement and continued support from my mom, dad, and sister, as well as the excellent instruction I received from the MBHS magnet program.”

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The U.S. Physics Team (from left)— David Field, Daniel Li, Anand Oza, Jenny Lu, and Eric Spiegman.

Photograph by U.S. Physics Team Coach Paul Stanley

About The Montgomery Blair High School Magnet Foundation

This organization was founded by a group of concerned students, teachers, administrators, parents, and alumni in 2008. Its purpose is to promote science, mathematics, and computer science education by supporting the Magnet Program at Montgomery Blair High School in its efforts to develop resources and refine practices needed to provide a rigorous and enriched education for students, staff, and the community at large. The Foundation is incorporated in the state of Maryland and is 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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